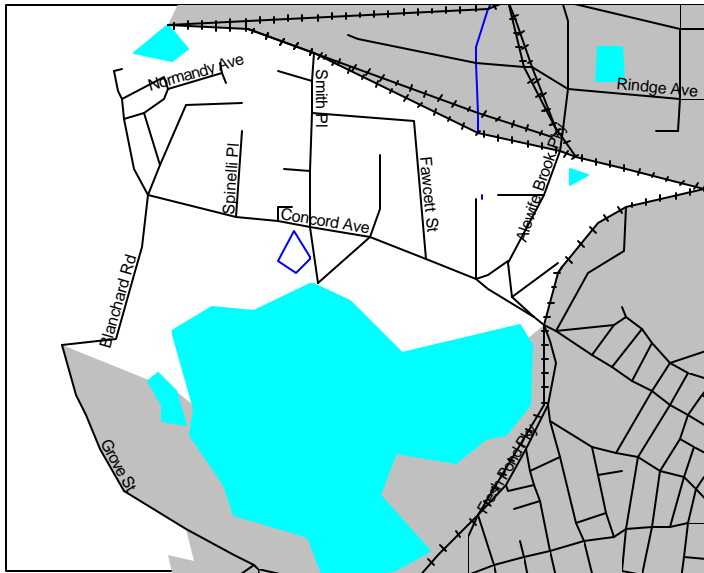
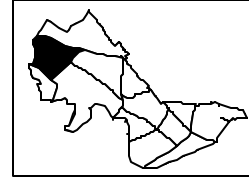


NEIGHBORHOOD 12

HIGHLANDS



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the B&M Railroad, the Belmont line, and Fresh Pond.

POPULATION: 673 residents
281 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$37,125

Neighborhood #12 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Car 13R (1 officer). Also included is walking route 12C.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

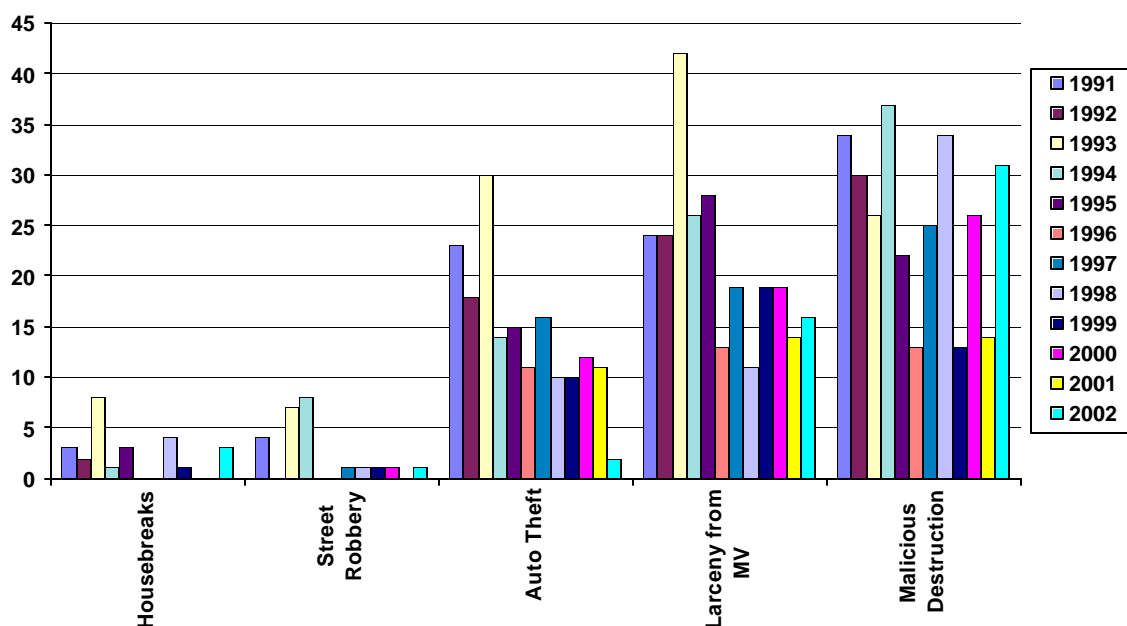
CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	0	0	0	0	0
Street Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Auto Theft	2	4	3	2	1
Larceny from MVs	7	6	3	3	7
Malicious Destruction	3	8	3	5	7
Drug Arrests	0	1	2	1	1

Traditionally a low crime neighborhood, Cambridge Highlands continues that pattern, reporting no **housebreaks** or **street robberies** in the first three months of 2003. A lone **auto theft** was reported of a Toyota Camry in early March. The vehicle was stolen after the owner had left the doors unlocked. Later that day, the vehicle was recovered in Brighton with no damage. Seven **larceny from motor vehicle** incidents is the highest reported in Cambridge Highlands during the first quarter since 1999. This number is still relatively low when compared to rest of the city. The Fresh Pond Mall parking lot on Alewife Brook Parkway recorded all but one incident. The six incidents were reported during the nighttime hours and the weekends, most likely while the owners are shopping or watching a movie at the theater. Perpetrators gained access to the cars through a range of means – windows were smashed, doors were pried open, and some even got into the car via an unlocked door. On the same night in early March, the perpetrator(s) stole a car jack, among other items, and may have used this car jack to steal the tire to another vehicle in the parking lot. **Malicious destruction** followed the similar pattern of thefts from motor vehicles, reporting seven, six of which occurred in The Fresh Pond Mall parking lot. In five of these incidents, all of which took place on different days of the week during March, the windows to the vehicles were broken. A seventh incident followed an argument at a retail store where a door was intentionally broken. A single **drug arrest** resulted in the arrest of a New York man by the Special Investigations Unit. The arrested man attempted to sell over \$10,000 worth of ecstasy pills.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridge Highlands' minuscule population makes for very little residential criminal activity in the neighborhood. In addition to 281 households, the Highlands' border encompasses the Fresh Pond Mall, the northern part of Fresh Pond, and a number of warehouses. Most crime here is commercial, and is covered in the business district profiles.

- Cambridge Highlands vies with Strawberry Hill for the lowest index crime totals in the city. For all index crimes this decade, it has ranked twelfth or thirteenth out of the 13 neighborhoods.
- **Auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles, and malicious destruction** has sometimes become a problem in the Fresh Pond Mall and Fresh Pond Cinema parking lot. Mall security, however, has drastically reduced such incidents in recent years—almost to the point of statistical insignificance. Small patterns of automobile related crimes have been known to emerge on Smith Place and Mooney Street.
- **Larcenies from Persons** exhibits some patterns around the Fresh Pond Mall and the Fresh Pond Cinema, where pocketpickers use the darkness of the theater to conceal their crimes.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR HIGHLANDS AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	6	13	3	13	12
Street Robbery	8	12	3	13	12
Auto Theft	54	11	16	11	13
Larceny from MVs	38	12	23	12	12
Malicious Destruction	28	12	26	12	10

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest